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Subject: Bill Eddy Sr.  
Michigan and National Golden Glove Champion 1938 and 1939  
National AAU Champion 1939  
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My wife's deceased grandfather (Bill Eddy Sr. died in 1974) seems to have had some history as an amateur and professional boxer in the 30's and 40's. Funny as my wife had mentioned in the past that her grandfather was a boxer but knew very little of him. However, when my wife's father passed away two years ago (Bill Eddy Jr. also spent some time in the ring in the 60's), he left a steamer trunk of newspaper clippings, poster, contracts, pictures and other boxing memorabilia.

After spending some hours sorting clippings (including a letter asking him to represent the U.S. in the 1940 Olympics which never came to be), I am thinking about writing a book as he seems to have been quite the character for his time. A character in the sense he was quite the talker and he didn't believe in managers, so, he was his own manager.... sounds like representing yourself in court. I also have contracts he signed promising if he loses he will fight them again within 30 days time. Some of these contracts are even endorsed by Art Rooney (Rooney-McGinley before owning the Steelers). He seems to have been relatively successful as I even have an article where Gene Tunney is being asked by a newspaper reporter about the up coming Joe Lewis versus Max Schmeling fight and Gene ends up talking about my wife's grandfather punching ability...I find his life story fascinating.

Although he never reached the professional title, so many things seemed to work against him or maybe they were of his own making. He ended up being somewhat of a tragic figure.

I am looking for additional information that you might have or even contacts who might still be living who could help me with some additional research as I work to document his life story. I don't want him to be relegated to the simple contents of this blue steamer trunk.

Yours Truly,  
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